

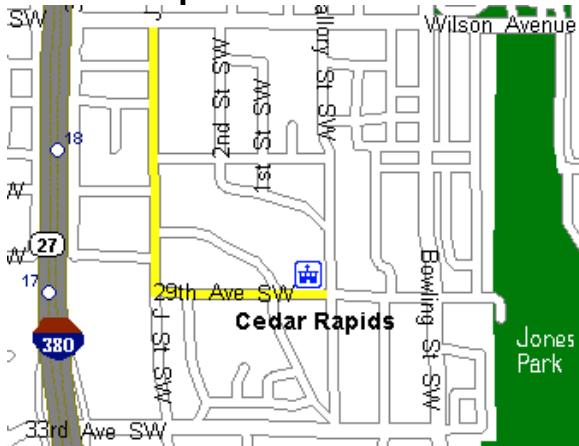


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Hus Happenings



Maundy Thursday Service

April 5th 7:00 PM

Good Friday Prayer Meditation

April 6th 12:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service

April 8th 7:30 AM

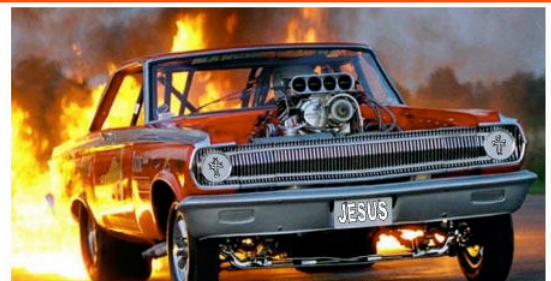
Easter Breakfast

April 8th 8:15 AM

Easter Worship Service

April 8th 9:30 AM

Hus Presbyterian Church presents...






HUS RACING LEAGUE

Join us for the 2007 Season!

Spend quality time with family, friends, and neighbors racing Hot Wheels, Match Box, & Johnny Lightning cars on the 2nd Saturday of each month from February to November. It is a fun, exciting, and intense event that all will enjoy. Registration at 9:30 AM. Races at 10 AM. So come, enjoy the food, enjoy the excitement, enjoy the rush and just **HAVE FUN!**



April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Palm Sunday Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School - 11 AM Confirmation - 2 PM Youth Serving at 1 st Presbyterian Church- 4 PM 	2 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	3 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM	4 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Meal- 5:15 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	5 Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service- 7PM 	6 Good Friday Prayer Breakfast- 7AM at Crowne Plaza Hotel Noon Meditation in Prayer Room 	7
8 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service- 7:30 AM Breakfast- 8:15 AM Worship Service - 9:30 AM	9 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	10 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM	11 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Meal- 5:15 PM Youth Group-5:45 PM Choir- 6:45 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	12 Christian Education Workshop at Camp Wyoming- 9 AM Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM	13 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM Dámská meeting- 1 PM	14 Hus Racing League Registration- 9:30 AM Racing begins-10 AM
15 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM Confirmation - 2 PM	16 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	17 Men's Breakfast- 7:30 AM Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM Session Meeting- 7:00 PM	18 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Meal- 5:15 PM Youth Group-5:45 PM Choir- 6:45 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	19 Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Keeping Kids Safe, Community of Christ Church- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM	20 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM	21
22 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM	23 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	24 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM	25 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Meal- 5:15 PM Youth Group-5:45 PM Choir- 6:45 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	26 Lunch Bunch- 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM	27 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM World Vision 30 Hour Famine- 8 PM at Hus Church with New Beginnings and Christ Church	28 World Vision 30 Hour Famine at Hus Church with New Beginnings and Christ Church
29 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM Confirmation - 2 PM (meets with session)	30 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM					



CHANGES THEY ARE A COMMIN'

I don't know about you, but there are times I have a difficult time accepting change in my life. Sometimes the changes that bother us the most aren't what we would expect. For instance, I'm having trouble dealing with the fact that there are no more QT convenience stores in Cedar Rapids anymore! They've all been replaced with some ridiculous impostor with the silly name of "Road Ranger." I've been stopping at QT's since I was a teenager driving around in my hometown of Wichita. Wherever I've traveled and wherever I've lived (well, may not in Croatia), there has been my faithful hometown friend, QT, to keep me company and remind me that there are some things you can count on in life. Suddenly, some big truck backs up and takes down the QT sign and puts up Road Ranger! It just ain't right!

Now, before you figure your pastor is loonier than you had already thought, I'm not really that distraught over losing QT from my life. But it does show that we as human creatures become accustomed to things being a certain way, no matter how insignificant those things may be. When something happens to change what we are used to, there can be all kinds of feelings pouring forth: sadness, surprise, resentment, fear, and sometimes even a refusal to accept the reality of the change. But that is obviously not a very viable way to live. We can't stop or avoid changes that come our way, but we can decide to view changes as great and wonderful opportunities for growth in life instead of matters to resist.

This April we are celebrating the biggest change to ever occur, and that is when death was conquered and defeated by Jesus when He was raised from the dead. This makes everything about life different: more hopeful, more joyful, more peaceful, more truly alive! Now, you would think this would be an easy change to accept, but remember our nature as humans: we cling to routine and resist the new. So, we may yell out, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed" in the Easter worship service, but before we get to lunch on the first Wednesday after Easter our lives are exactly the same as before Easter, and the fact of Jesus being raised from the dead makes absolutely no difference whatsoever in our lives. It is a sad reality that many of us live as if Jesus was still in the grave.

This is why we need the Spirit of God to fill our lives, for we need the power of God's Spirit to break the chains of routine and our inability to see things differently. The Apostle Paul speaks of this in his first letter to the Corinthians, where he declares that our faith can only be real and alive when we base it on God's power rather than our human expectations.

My message and preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. (1 Corinthians 2:4-5)

It is the Spirit of God who breaks us free of our human expectations and our locked-in routines. It is God's Spirit that enables the power of Christ's resurrection to surge through our lives, creating new visions and making life filled with daring adventure! It is the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead that raises us from the deadness of our dreary existence to the new and dizzying heights of loving, living, and learning.

There are lots of changes coming up for us all. As they say in southern Louisiana, "Ahh gar-own-tee eit!" Sometimes we are more open to the changes, other times we are not. But when we view everything in the blazing light of the raised and glorified Christ, it all becomes part of our experiencing the power of God in a most thrilling and satisfying journey of life — Real Life — Abundant Life — Life That Never Ends! Amen!

*In Christ's Peace
Will*



19th	William & Sylvia Courtney	1968
25th	Jack & Marcia Funcke	1964
25th	Doug & Cindy Page	1981
30th	Bill & Carol Cabbage	1967



**Happy
Birthday**

4 th	Alyssa Peshek
6 th	Zach McDill
8 th	Ann Procok
9 th	Julia Zahradnik
10 th	Melissa Pierce
10 th	Megan Wenger
13 th	James Walton
13 th	Mindi Kauffman
14 th	Evelyn Dvorak
16 th	Jeremy McLaskey
19 th	Elsie Drahovzal
19 th	Betty Svoboda
20 th	Mike Cranston
22 nd	Andrew Stevens
22 nd	Carl Landergott
23 rd	Diane Feiereisen
23 rd	Danielle Pierce
25 th	Jenny Theiss
28 th	Romaine Wilkin
29 th	Lori McLaskey



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✧ Transportation provided by the Deacons ✧

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.

A Friend of the Lord

An elderly woman relied on her son to take her to worship, especially if she knew the congregation would be celebrating Holy Communion.

One Sunday, as they drove to church, her son asked, "Mom, why are you always so concerned about going to worship when Communion is going to be served?"

Without hesitation, she replied, "Son, on the last night of Jesus' earthly life when he was with his friends in the Upper Room, he took bread and wine and said they represented his body and his blood. He requested that his friends take bread and wine often and to remember him in that manner. Son, I am a friend of the Lord and I take Communion to remember him."



Endless possibilities

It may well be that the world is denied miracle after miracle and triumph after triumph because we will not bring Christ what we have and what we are. If, just as we are, we would lay ourselves on the altar of service of Jesus Christ, there is no saying what Christ could do with us and through us.

—William Barclay



Hi All,

This month we are joining together with other youth groups to do World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. We are blessed to be bringing in Crossed, a local Christian rock band (check them out at www.getcrossed.com). Crossed will be providing the music for the opening worship service and helping with Bible studies after. They have a real heart for youth and for missions groups like World Vision.

What is the 30 Hour Famine? This event gives youth and adults alike the opportunity to see just a glimpse of how people in other parts of the world feel when there is no food on the table. Recently we talked about storms in our lives during youth group. This discussion came out of this year's famine verse, Isaiah 25:4. This verse talks about how God takes care of those who are not necessarily able to take care of themselves as well as providing them shelter from storms in their lives, giving them a safe place to take refuge. We all go

through storms in our lives and depending on how old we are those storms are different. When we were very young, someone taking the toy we had been playing with and had set aside could have been one of those storms. As we get older those storms change. Every age group has their own storms and there are also some that happen regardless of how old we are. We just need to take refuge in God's Word because He will take care of us and will give us that safe place to be. The storm for people in many parts of the world is not having enough food and the 30 Hour Famine helps bring that storm to the attention of those who God has given the ability to do something about it. That is where we come in. We have the opportunity to really be the hands and feet of Christ by collecting money that will be sent to areas all over the world including the United States. This is huge. Did you know that more than 1 million teenagers from over 21 countries will be helping to raise nearly \$12 million to help children that might otherwise literally starve to death!

29,000 children around the world die from malnutrition and disease every day. Put that all together and in four short days that would equal the population of Cedar Rapids. One in ten households in the United States face the possibility of not having any food on any given day. 3 million children do face that every day in the United States. Everyday around the world, 153 million children under the age of 5 experience malnourishment.

The following are some facts about fasting from World Vision:

The average, healthy person is able to go without food for 30 hours without any ill effects. Exceptions are the following:

- children under the age of 12
- the elderly
- pregnant or nursing women
- people with other specific medical conditions (past or present) including diabetes, reactive hypoglycemia, other medical conditions that are associated with or could precipitate hypoglycemia; eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia).

If you have any health-related questions about the 30 Hour Famine or are regularly under a doctor's care for any of the above medical conditions, you are strongly advised to consult your family doctor before taking part.

What is fasting? Fasting is the act of abstaining from food. There are various types of ways to fast, but the most popular and the one that is part of the 30 Hour Famine is a juice fast.

Why is fasting part of the 30 Hour Famine? It's an opportunity for participants to focus their thoughts, prayers and efforts on things most important to God. It's a way to draw near to God. It also allows participants to feel what real hunger feels like -- a hunger that is felt by many of the boys, girls, men and women who are being helped by the funds raised during the 30 Hour Famine.

What does the Bible say about fasting? There are many scriptural references to fasting, in both the Old and New Testament. The following is not a complete list but is a good place to start.

Matthew 6:16-18
Daniel 9:3, 20
Judges 20:26-28

Matthew 9:16-17
Ezra 8:21-23
Psalms 35:13

Matthew 17:20-21
Isaiah 58
Mark 9:29

Because of Him ~ Terry

They'll see that you take care of the poor, that you take care of poor people in trouble, provide a warm, dry place in bad weather, provide a cool place when it's hot.

Isaiah 25:4 (MSG)

Upcoming Meetings

April

- Movie night. Join us on the 4th for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal).
- On the 11th, 18th, and 25th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- Confirmation is on the 1st, the 15th and the 29th from 2 to 3:30 PM. Session will be meeting with the confirmation class on the 29th. The 29th is also the last day of confirmation class.

May

- Movie night. Join us on the 2nd for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal).
- On the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- Confirmation Sunday will be May 20th.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

April

1 st	Palm Sunday
	Youth group serving Sunday Evening Meal at 1 st Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids from 4 to 6 PM.
5 th	Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM
6 th	Good Friday
8 th	Easter
	Easter Sunrise Breakfast (youth group serving) - If you are at the Sunrise Service they can come down as soon as the service is over, otherwise youth will need to arrive at 8 AM.
14 th	2007 HRL Race #3.
27 th -28 th	30 Hour Famine

May

3 rd	National Day of Prayer - Mays Island
12 th	2007 HRL Race #4.
13 th	Mother's Day
20 th	Confirmation Sunday
27 th	Marion High School graduation
	Global Day of Prayer - Veteran's Memorial Stadium
28 th	Memorial Day

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

Every Wednesday: Marion High School Bible Study
7:30 AM at Marion High School.

Every Friday: Breakfast Clubs

7:00 AM at Kennedy High School, Room 162.

7:30 AM at Prairie Middle School in Mr. Davis' room.

Times subject to change.



A conversation with God

Dear God,

In just a few short weeks we will be participating in the 30 hour Famine. Lord; help us to get a glimpse of what this event is really about. Help us to raise awareness in our community for everyone who does not have enough food to eat each day regardless of where they are in the world. Help us during the famine to get past our stomachs growling and lead us as we serve our community. We have experienced your love when we were in trouble and know that there is a place for us during the storms of life and we are so thankful for that. We pray that those who do not know you will find you and experience this too. Help us "Starve Hunger!"

Amen!

They'll see that you take care of the poor, that you take care of poor people in trouble, provide a warm, dry place in bad weather, provide a cool place when it's hot.

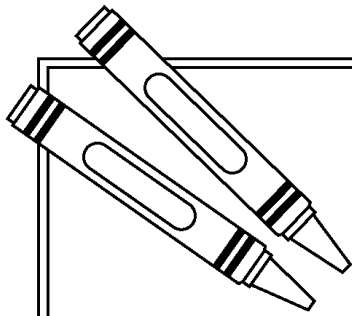
Isaiah 25:4 (MSG)

OH, OH... I'D SAY THIS IS ONE OF
THOSE "PORPOISE-DRIVEN CHURCHES"!



(This was
drawn by John Boyer -
Lydia Rain's
godfather
who lives in Wichita, KS)

April 2007



Just for KIDS

Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

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		L	♥	R		
		♥	D	♥		
		I	♥	S		

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Answer: “BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.”

Easter Crosses

Make this craft to remember what Jesus did for us. Hang it in your room to look at all year long.



What you need:

- Two 8" paper plates (white)
- Scissors 
- Pencil 
- Crayons, paints or felt markers
- Stapler, glue stick or glue
- Paper punch
- Yarn, string or ribbon (about 10" or 12") 



What you do:

1. With your pencil draw a slight curved line all the way across the center of one plate. This will be a hill.

2. Draw three crosses on the hill. Make the center one a little bigger than the others.



3. Color the hill green and the crosses brown. Or color the hill and crosses black to look like a silhouette.



4. Cut out the hill and crosses as one piece.



5. Color the top half of the other plate with red, orange and yellow to look like an evening sky.

6. Staple or glue the hill-and-crosses plate onto the sky plate. Make sure you line up the bottom edges of the plates, and staple or glue just along the curved edges where the plates meet.

7. Punch a hole near the top of the sky plate.



8. Tie a loop of yarn, string or ribbon through the hole.



9. Hang your scene on your doorknob or on something else in your room.